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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of

Victor M. Markowitz

Serial No.: 09/862,424

Filed: May 23, 2001

FOR: System and Method for Managing  
Gene Expression Data

Group Art Unit: 1631

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: Cheyne D. Ly  
Examiner

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004. For reasons stated in the Remarks section, Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the rejection be withdrawn. Included herewith is a request for a one month extension of time for response to the Office Action. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 9.

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